New hydro-electric project in J&K

1133. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jammu & Kashmir is one of the 16 States identified for feasibility studies of new hydro-electric projects;

(b) the estimated potential in Jammu & Kashmir; and

(c) whether the hydro-power would help provide stability to the electric grid and improve the power situation in Jammu & Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. Jammu and Kashmir is one of 16 States identified for preparation of Pre-feasibility Reports (PFRs) of new hydro-electric projects.

(b) As part of the Ranking Study, 45 Schemes were identified in J&K, with an estimated capacity of 9513 MW. Out of these, 13 schemes, having aggregate estimated capacity of 2981 MW, have been taken up for preparation of PFRs.

(c) The implementation of new hydro-electric projects would provide stability to the grid and improve the power supply position in Jammu and Kashmir and the Northern regional grid.

Settng up a power grid sub-station at Sheetalpur in Bihar

1134. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a power grid sub-station at Sheetalpur in Bihar;

(b) if so, the cost of the project; and

(c) by when the work is likely to start and the target for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Government of Bihar/Bihar State Electricity Board propose to construct a new 132/33KV sub-station at Sheetalpur in Saran District of Bihar with a transformation capacity of 2x20 MVA as a part of the comprehensive scheme for strengthening the sub-transmission system in Bihar, to be executed by POWERGRID